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**MESSAGE:**

Dear Examiner Padgett,

Pursuant to our telephone conversation today, enclosed is a proposed supplementary amendment for your review.

Best regards,  
Reece Nienstadt

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lill et al.	Group Art Unit: 1762
Application No.: 09/545,110	Examiner: Marianne L. Padgett
Confirmation No.: 9276	
Filing Date: April 6, 2000	Attorney Docket No.: 003117 USA/ETCH/SILICON/JB1
For: IMPROVED SUBSTRATE MONITORING METHOD AND APPARATUS	May 9, 2003 San Francisco, California

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**PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner Padgett:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of May 9, 2003, this Proposed Supplementary Amendment is being transmitted within three months of the Final Office Action mailed on February 13, 2003 as a proposed supplement to the Amendment filed on April 17, 2003. Please telephone me to discuss whether this Supplementary Amendment would be sufficient to overcome the objections raised in the Advisory Action of February 25, 2003.